

# **METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY**

## **February 10, 2011 MINUTES**

The Chairperson, Emil Wilson called to order the February 10, 2011 meeting at 7:10 p.m. This meeting was held at Illinois Department of Transportation, Collinsville.

### **PRESENT**

Emil Wilson, Chairperson  
Carol Nuedecker, Member  
Karen Kelly, Member  
Margaret Merrell, Member  
Thomas Cannady, Member

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Michael J. Pintar

### **ABSENT**

David Bollone, Member  
Kingston Schmid, Vice-Chairperson  
Dr. Marguerite Riley, Member  
Sandy Burbank, Member

### **GUESTS**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairperson recognized that a quorum was present and read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

The Chairperson asked for changes in the agenda. The Coordinator asked that the case 11-070-9001 be changed from report of findings section to unfinished business. The Chairperson agreed.

## **MINUTES**

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the December 9, 2010 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Upon a motion by Margaret Merrell seconded by Carol Nuedecker, members present voted to approve the minutes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no new communications offered.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

11-070-9018 - A person was voluntarily admitted to substance abuse ward was later moved to the hospital behavioral unit. The day of change, she requested and received a 5-day notice for discharge on January 6, 2011 as of today, January 13, 2011 she was not discharged. The staff is denying discharge and the hospital administrator and Physician will not talk to her. Also, Staff took her property looked through all of her things and staff went through her personal property and took some items that they claimed were hospital property. Upon a motion by Thomas Cannady, seconded by Emil Wilson, members agreed to investigate the allegation. St. Elizabeth's Belleville

11-070-9019 - a consumer was denied rehabilitation services (visiting nursing) based on the (lack) size of her apartment. Her living arrangements are with a boarding home and that may have been the reason for the denial. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Karen Kelly, members voted to investigate the allegation. Illinois Department of Rehabilitation East St. Louis

11-070-9020 - an investigative agency would not stop visiting a consumer who clearly stated that she was not living in a dangerous situation and that her caregiver was offered adequate and humane treatment. Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Thomas Cannady, members agreed to open the case with the Southwestern Illinois VNA

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Pursuant to Section 721 of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Karen Kelly, the Authority went into closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss case progress and reports of findings.

#### **Case Progress Reports:**

##### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Case progress reports

B. Case progress reports

11-070-9001 - Alton Mental Health Center - vending

11-070-9008 - Atrium - discharge

11-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileging (search)

11-070-9014 - Madison County Housing - eviction

11-070-9016 - Alton Mental Health Center - level & communication

11-070-9017 - Alton Mental Health Center - lost privilege (\$)

B. Reports of Findings:

10-070-9021 - Alton Mental Health Center - property - no music

11-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - restraint

11-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer violations

C. Case Closures:

10-070-9020 - Alton Mental Health Center - attendance

11-070-9006 - FAYCO - property

The HRA returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. upon a motion by Margaret Merrell, seconded by Karen Kelly.

Upon returning to open session:

Reports of findings:

Upon a motion by Margaret Merrell, seconded by Carol Nuedecker, members voted to accept the Alton Mental Health Center (10-070-9021) report of findings with suggested revisions.

11-070-9009 - Upon a motion by Carol Nuedecker, seconded by Karen Kelly, members voted to accept the report pending administrative approval.

11-070-9013 - Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Margaret Merrell, members voted to accept the report pending

Case Closures:

10-070-9020 - Alton Mental Health Center - 100 % attendance - Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Margaret Merrell, members agreed to table case closure to allow the HRA to contact and discuss the response.

11-070-9006 - FAYCO - the HRA voted to table case closure and send a response letter to the agency based on a motion by Carol Nuedecker, seconded by Margaret Merrell.

11-070-9015 - Edwardsville High School the members agree to case closure based on a motion by Thomas Cannady, seconded by Carol Nuedecker, with the recommendation that the Coordinator state in the closure letter its concerns regarding the school's response

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:**

The next meeting will be March 10, 2011 at Illinois Department of Transportation

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Dr. Marguerite Riley, Secretary